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Mr. Paul B. Baker
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Re: Summary of Mine Reclamation Plan Meeting
Crown Asphalt Ridge, LLC
Vernal, Utah

Dear Paul:

Pursuant to our recent telephone conversation, please find the following summary of our meeting held at the Uintah County Commissioner's Office in Vernal, Utah on Thursday, August 12, 2004. The purpose of this summary letter is to set forth the ideas exchanged and verbally agreed upon with respect to the reconciliation of Reclamation Plan obligations of Crown Asphalt Ridge, LLC ("Crown") and the current site conditions and to seek a written response from DOGM of its concurrence and approval to proceed.

Stockpiled Overburden and Limited Topsoil (Figure 5)

There are three stockpiles consisting of overburden material and topsoil which was removed from the mine excavation which have been defined as the responsibility of Crown under the Reclamation Plan and the Temporary Mining Agreement of May 20, 2002. Utilizing recent survey data these stockpiles are as follows:

- Stockpile A (274,070 yds.)
- Stockpile B (47,208 yds.)
- Crown Overburden (Estimated 162,000 yds.)(Overlies Native Rock Ridge)
- Total Crown Volume: 483,278 (yds.)

The estimated void of the pit is approximately 950,000 yds. With an obvious shortfall of overburden located onsite, all parties have agreed to utilize the overburden material in the three stockpiles in the most practical and efficient method to recontour the mine excavation to provide an acceptable and stable contour, support the establishment of vegetation and to effectively provide area drainage along the original contour. No additional material will be hauled to the site for reclamation purposes. Blasting of native rock formations for additional fill volume has been noted to provide minimal yield and therefore is not anticipated to occur.

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Drainage

An effort to contour the backfilled slope to promote a natural drainage pathway into a retention pond prior to downslope discharge in Section 31 will be made. The installation of some type of conduit for the natural groundwater seep that has been dissected will be installed to route the water downslope in the direction of the original drainage pathway.

Vegetation

Crown will broadcast an appropriate DOGM approved seed mix upon a scarified bed and will monitor for three years to ensure that an acceptable area of coverage has been established.

Plant Site and Flare

Crown will dismantle and remove all of the plant and flare facilities, will grade the surface, as needed, and will reestablish vegetation to the same standard as the reclaimed mine site.

Uintah County Obligations

As stipulated in the Temporary Mining Agreement, Uintah County will assume responsibility for the closure of the County Extraction Site located in the northwest corner of the site. Uintah County will utilize overburden material ("County Overburden Stockpile") located immediately downslope of the County Extraction Site. In addition and to the extent necessary, Uintah County will reestablish the natural drainage contour located in the Section 31 which discharges near its current mixing facility in the northeast corner of the Site. As directed by DOGM, these obligations and others located in Section 31 shall be borne solely by Uintah County.

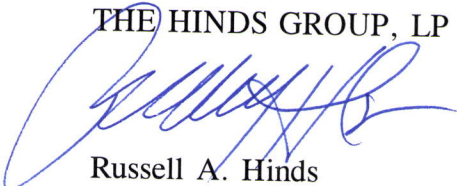
Summary

Paul, on behalf of Crown Asphalt Ridge, LLC we appreciate you and Doug assisting Crown in the closure of its corporate obligations at the Site. We would request your written response or other form of written notice as a directive of the DOGM approved plan to proceed.

Should you need additional information or wish to discuss this matter in further detail, please contact me at your convenience.

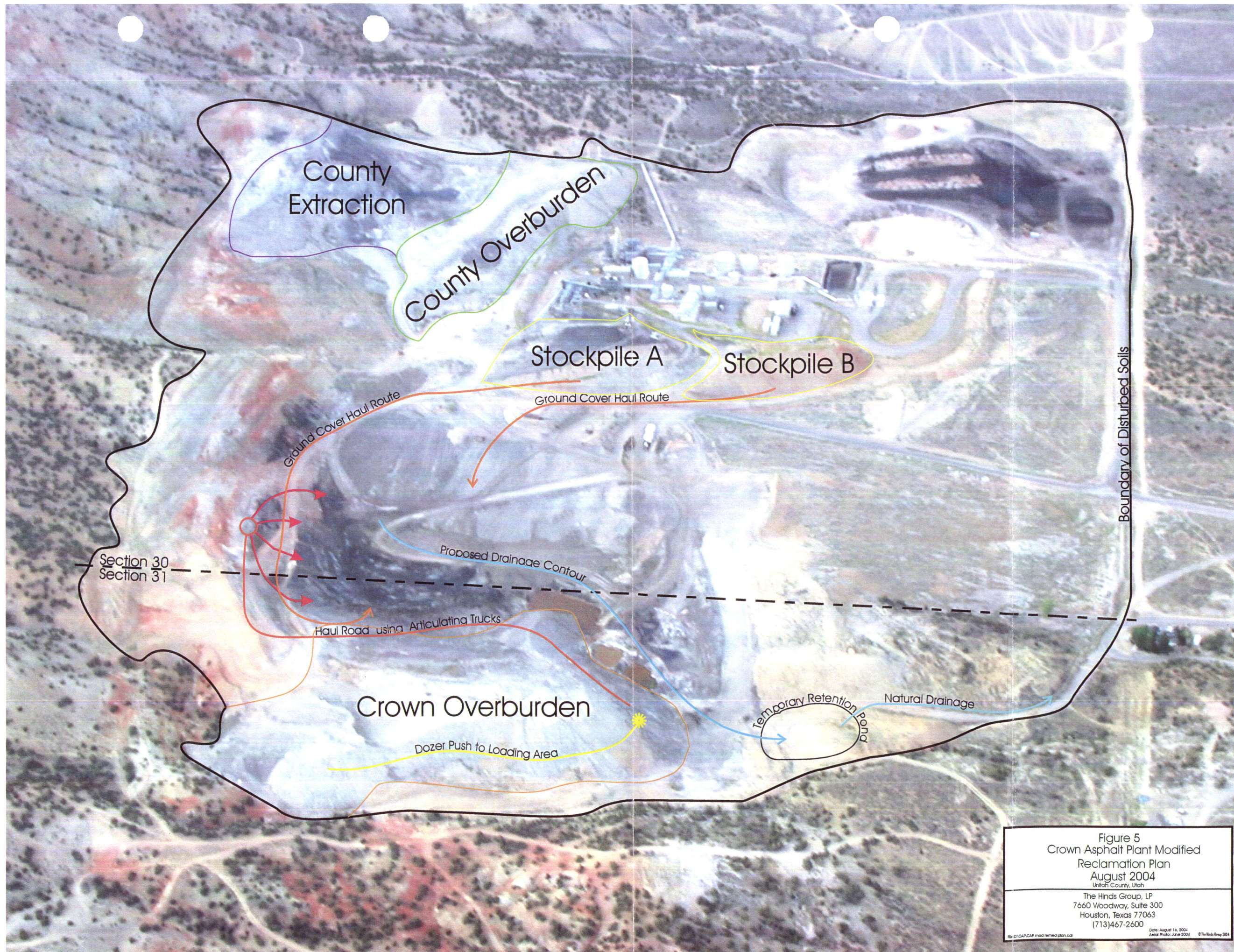
Very truly yours,

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Figure 5
Crown Asphalt Plant Modified
Reclamation Plan
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